

Comments on Petition RM-10805

Concerning Amendment of Part 97 Rules
to Eliminate Element 1 (5 Words-Per-Minute
Radiotelegraph Examination) testing on a
limited basis

I agree with the author of this petition that Element 1 should be retained as a vital part of the testing program for the qualification of Amateur Radio Licensees, but that some accomodation could be made for Technician Class Licensees to participate in the Amateur Radio Service in the High Frequency Spectrum.

I disagree with him, though, that Technical Plus should be accorded HF Voice mode privileges in the upper 50 khz General Class voice subbands, because of the excessive crowding that would ensue. I think that a 5 wpm telegraph exam is not too much to expect of a prospective licensee to gain the benefits of the General Class License.

On the whole, I think that the Petition RM-10811 accomplishes the goals of this petitioner, but with less disruption on the HF Amateur Spectrum.

Respectfully Submitted,

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